

MULTIPLE LOOP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A tissue connector assembly comprising a multiple loop fastener movable
between an open configuration and a closed configuration and a restraining
device attached to the fastener for restraining the fastener in its open configuration
provides for a self-closing, multiple suture fastener. A needle may be releasably
attached to the fastener. A method for connecting tissues is also disclosed. The
10 method includes inserting a fastener through tissue with the fastener being biased
in an open position by a restraining device secured to the fastener, threading the
fastener through more than one stitch, and removing the restraining device from
the fastener.